

1286.07 FENCES (RESIDENTIAL).

Fences are permitted or required, subject to the following:

(a) Fences on all lots of record in all Residential Districts which enclose property and/or are within a required side or rear yard shall not exceed six feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the front of the house or the required minimum front yard, whichever is greater, except that a decorative fence may be placed in the front yard subject to the following conditions:

- (1) It shall not block the view of traffic.
 - (2) It must be approved by the Planning Commission with appropriate fees collected upon application for review.
 - (3) It shall consist of split rail, decorative iron, wood, engineered wood or plastic products, or similar material.
 - (4) Chain link, snow fence, woven fence, or rubber of any kind shall not be allowed.
 - (5) It shall not exceed 50% in opacity.
 - (6) It shall not be installed in the right-of-way.
 - (7) A building permit application for a front yard decorative fence shall consist of a standard building permit application together with a site plan drawn to scale. The site plan must show abutting street, lot lines and their dimensions, existing buildings and their dimensions, the proposed fence location and proposed setbacks. A drawing or picture of the fence indicating its style and height shall also be provided.
 - (8) The finished side of the fence shall face to the exterior of the property.
 - (9) Maximum height of any part of the posts shall not be greater than 48 inches absent approval of the Planning Commission, and the area of fencing between the posts shall not be greater than 42 inches.
- (b) Recorded lots having an area in excess of two acres, if not included within the boundaries of a recorded plat, are excluded from these regulations.
- (c) Fences on lots of record shall not contain barbed wire, electric current or a charge of electricity.
- (d) Fences which enclose public or institutional parks, playgrounds, or public landscaped areas, situated within an area developed with recorded lots, shall not exceed eight feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not obstruct vision to an extent greater than twenty-five percent of their total area. (1975 Code§5.134) (Ord. 07-2003-01. Passed 8-5-03.)